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# State Unveils Bold and Aggressive Lake Okeechobee and Estuary Recovery Plan

*Multi-component plan will lower lake levels while improving coastal estuaries*



Gov. Jeb Bush congratulates State Sen. Ken Pruitt (at podium), State Rep. Joe Negron (second from left), South Florida Water Management District Executive Director Carol Ann Wehle (center) and District Board Member Nicolás Gutiérrez Jr. (far right) on the shores of Lake Okeechobee during the unveiling of a comprehensive plan to accelerate restoration and recovery of Lake Okeechobee and connecting coastal estuaries. ‘Lake Okeechobee is being reborn today,’ Sen. Pruitt said.

restoration and recovery of the largest freshwater lake in the southeast and the connecting Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries.

“Lake Okeechobee is the gateway to America’s Everglades. Restoring this dynamic system is critical to the long-term economic and environmental health of South Florida,” said Gov. Bush. “This comprehensive, common-sense plan will reduce pollution and better manage the flow of water while meeting our flood control and water supply responsibilities.”

## How?

LOER is a series of fast-tracked construction projects and numerous interagency initiatives to

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